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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 August 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-63,95-104,129-136,153 and 154 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 49-63 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9,12,13,15,16,18,19,22-24,26,29-37,39-42,95-102,129-134,153 and 154 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 10,11,14,17,20,21,25,27,28,38,43-48,103,104,135 and 136 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 2/23/06 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Claim 19, is objected to because of the following informalities: In claim 19, line 1, "equestering" is a typographical error. Appropriate correction is required.

Claims 49-63 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on August 7, 2008.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-9, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 19, 22-24, 26, 29-37, 39-42, 95-102, 129-134, 153, and 154 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being clearly anticipated by Alsamdi et al (WO 02/077256 (October 3, 2002)). The reference teaches a nucleic acid molecular hybridization method that uses probes that contain two regions that bind to the target. Probes that bind to the target are circularized and amplified via rolling circle amplification. The probes of the reference also contain tags and may contain a promoter for the detection of RNA transcribed from the probe. For example, see Figure 1, the Abstract, page 4, line 32 through page 22, line 10, and claims 1-163. The reference uses a sequestering sequence to prevent rolling circle amplification in the absence of target sequences (for example, page 11, lines 1-25 and page 13, lines 7-29, and page 51, lines 10-26). The claims describe no more than the reference.

Claims 1-9, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 19, 22-24, 26, 29-37, 39-42, 95-102, 129-134, 153, and 154 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Alsamdi et al (U.S. Patent Application Publication 20030022167).The reference teaches a nucleic acid molecular hybridization method that uses

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probes that contain two regions that bind to the target. Probes that bind to the target are circularized and amplified via rolling circle amplification. The probes of the reference also contain tags and may contain a promoter for the detection of RNA transcribed from the probe. For example, see Figure 1, the Abstract, paragraphs 0017-0065, and claims 1-163. The reference uses a sequestering sequence to prevent rolling circle amplification in the absence of target sequences (for example, paragraphs 0034, 0040, 0158, and 0159). The claims describe no more than the reference.

Claims 10, 11, 14, 17, 20, 21, 25, 27, 28, 38, 43-48, 103, 104, 135, and 136 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James Martinell whose telephone number is (571) 272-0719.

The examiner works a flexible schedule and can be reached by phone and voice mail. Alternatively, a request for a return telephone call may be e-mailed to james.martinell@uspto.gov. Since e-mail communications may not be secure, it is suggested that information in such requests be limited to name, phone number, and the best time to return the call.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ram Shukla, can be reached on (571) 272-0735.

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